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President's Report



Greetings from Acadiana!

As this year swiftly comes to a close, I trust that, like myself, you've

found joy in its passage. The Thanksgiving Season, in particular, holds a special place in my heart. I relish the holidays and cherish the opportunity to fellowship with friends and family. Gathering with loved ones, sharing meals, and reflecting on the successes, milestones, and precious memories of the past year has been a true blessing. As we navigate through the ongoing Holiday Season, I invite you to contemplate the positive, glean wisdom from challenges, and set the stage for a vibrant and promising 2024.

The LVMA Board successfully steered through its inaugural Strategic Planning Session this year! I extend heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated participants who generously volunteered their time, demonstrating unwavering commitment to

our profession. As we strive to finalize and implement the plan in the coming years, we invite your active participation in what LVMA has to offer. Stand alongside us as we endeavor to champion our profession and foster mutual support within our home state.

I extend a personal invitation to each of you to attend the upcoming LVMA Winter Meeting in Shreveport, scheduled for January 26-28, 2024. Participate in the business meeting on Saturday during lunch, and I encourage you to promote conference attendance among your peers. Make sure to explore the showroom floor and consider sponsoring the attendance of a few select staff members. Living in Louisiana has given me a profound appreciation for the unique sense of community we collectively embrace. Together, we are stronger. Hope to see you there!

This marks my final newsletter addressing you in my capacity as the President of the LVMA. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served in this role, and it has been an extraordinary privilege to

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collaborate with such skilled and passionate veterinarians in our state. As we journey through Christmas and the Holiday Season, I continue to pray for blessings to extend to each one of you. I encourage you to embrace the spirit of giving by reaching beyond your immediate circles. Whether it's supporting a charitable cause or volunteering your time, let's demonstrate to greater Louisiana that veterinarians extend their care and love beyond the realm of pets alone. Remember, at the other end of that leash or lead rope, there is a person. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

God Bless you all,



Kimberly Little, DVM
President, LVMA





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LVMA office as follows:

Quarter 1 Newsletter - February 15th

Quarter 2 Newsletter - May 15th

Quarter 3 Newsletter - August 15th

Quarter 4 Newsletter - November 15th

Executive Director's Report

It is hard to believe 2023 is already coming to close but in reviewing the year, I am thrilled at the initiatives we have accomplished this year and look forward to continuing this work into 2024. It is truly a privilege to serve the veterinarians of Louisiana – thank you for the opportunity.

To update you on the activities of the association, the Board met with LSU Vet Med Students at a Meet & Greet in early Fall which was well attended and provided us a chance to expose them to the LVMA early on. In September, the Board held a Strategic Planning Session where a plan for the next few years was drafted – the Board and I are excited to present this to the membership in the coming months. We have lots of great initiatives to provide additional value to members and we are currently working to put a structure in place for the success of these programs.

As a reminder, registration is open for the LVMA Winter Meeting in Shreveport – January 26-28, 2024. Please check out the schedule & other information at www.lvma.org.

We encourage all members to attend the Veterinarian Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon but ask you please purchase a ticket for that event when registering for the meeting. A limited number of tickets will be available on site. Tickets are only \$5 for veterinarians and this will allow us to plan more effectively for the correct number of attendees.

LVMA dues statements for 2024 have been mailed and are available for renewal online at www.lvma.org. The renewal includes optional voluntary contributions to the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation (“the Foundation”) and the LVMA Political Action Committee (PAC). Contributions to the Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions. Contributions to the PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Feel free to strike out the suggested amount and replace it with a larger contribution than suggested.

Also, you may notice a dues increase in the amount of \$20 for the LVMA Member category which was approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting in September 2023. Due to the rise in costs and increased activities, the Board made this conscious decision to help solidify financial sustainability for the Association. Please note the Association is financially sound and always feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you all in Shreveport and wish you all a joyous holiday season,


Melanie Talley, CAE
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January 26-28, 2024
Shreveport, LA

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Info
Jan. 26 - 28, 2024	2024 Winter Meeting	LVMA	Shreveport, LA	www.lvma.org
Sept. 26 - 29, 2024	SWVS	SWVS	Fort Worth, TX	www.swvs.org

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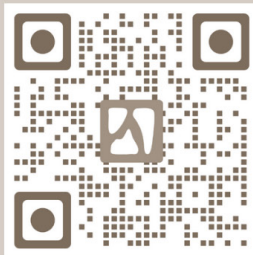


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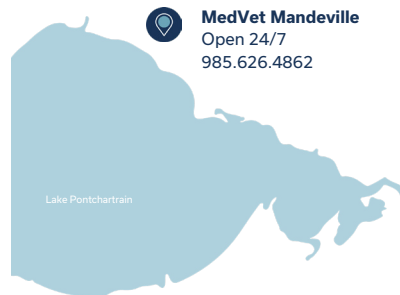
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2024 Winter Meeting Schedule at a Glance

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SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 AM - 5:40 PM	COMPANION ANIMAL I TRACK COMPANION ANIMAL II TRACK LARGE ANIMAL TRACK
9:50 AM - 10:30 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
12:20 PM - 1:30 PM	COMMITTEE MEETINGS & LUNCH ATTENDEE LUNCH ON OWN
3:20 PM - 3:50 PM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION
7:00 AM - 3:30 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL CHRISTIAN BREAKFAST (ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED)
8:00 AM - 6:20 PM	COMPANION ANIMAL I TRACK COMPANION ANIMAL II TRACK PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TRACK LARGE ANIMAL TRACK
9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	VETERINARY TECHNICIAN TRACK
9:50 AM - 10:45 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	AUXILIARY TOUR & LUNCH (ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED, MORE DETAILS TO COME)
11:35 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	LVMA BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON (ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	LSU SVM ALUMNI RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00 AM - 11:50 AM	COMPANION ANIMAL TRACK LARGE ANIMAL TRACK VETERINARY TECHNICIAN TRACK

2024 LVMA WINTER MEETING

January 26-28, 2024 - Shreveport Convention Center

Veterinarians, Veterinarian Students, Spouses and/or Guests Registration Form

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

Instructions: Please type or print. Make your check payable to LVMA and mail with your registration form to: LVMA, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or fax this form with your credit card information to (225) 408-4422. The deadline for early registration discount is January 5, 2024. For registration postmarked after that date, please add \$25 to the total fee. Please contact the LVMA at office@lvma.org if you have any questions.

Name: _____ Badge Nickname: _____

Clinic: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

REGISTRATIONS

Veterinarians – Full Registration:

Includes 20 possible hours of CE, Continental Breakfasts, Refreshment Breaks, and Admission to Exhibit Area.

**Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon requires ticket purchase below.

LVMA Member (Regular, Life, Honorary, Graduate and Associate)*.....\$310.00 _____
Annual Membership Dues*.....\$195.00 In-State or \$125.00 Out-of-State _____
Out-of-State Veterinarian (Member of any other State VMA).....\$310.00 _____
Non-Member\$485.00 _____

Veterinarians – One-Day Only Registration:

Friday: Includes 8 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area

LVMA or other State VMA Member.....\$175.00 _____
Non-Member.....\$245.00 _____

Saturday: Includes 8 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area

**Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon requires ticket purchase below.

LVMA or other State VMA Member.....\$175.00 _____
Non-Member.....\$245.00 _____

Sunday: Includes 4 possible CE Hours

LVMA or other State VMA Member.....\$145.00 _____
Non-Member.....\$235.00 _____

LSU Faculty Registration: Includes admission to CE courses and Exhibit Area.

(No CE credit will be given, must purchase a ticket to attend the Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon).....\$0.00 _____

Student Registration: Includes attendance to CE courses, Continental Breakfasts, & Admission to Exhibit Area.....\$0.00 _____

Veterinarian Spouse/Guest Registration: Includes Continental Breakfasts, Refreshment Breaks, Auxiliary Tour & Luncheon (must RSVP to the LVMA office), and admission to Exhibit Area. (Does not include admittance to CE programs or Business Meeting)

Spouse/Guest First & Last Name.....\$65.00 _____

Additional Social Tickets (Please write additional badge names on another sheet of paper.)

Christian Breakfast.....No. ____ @ \$25.00 _____

Auxiliary Tour & Luncheon Only
First & Last Name.....No. ____ @ \$35.00 _____

Business Meeting and Luncheon**.....No. ____ @ \$5.00 (Vets), @ \$30.00 (other) _____

Lecture Notes

Lecture notes will be provided to all registrants electronically. Printed notes are available for an additional \$20.00.....No. ____ @ \$20.00 _____

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Veterinary Technicians, Veterinarian Technician Students, Practice Management, and Other Staff Registration Form

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Saturday Only Practice Management Program:

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Lecture Notes

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Veterinary Technician Program Registration

Saturday & Sunday Technician Program:

Includes Saturday & Sunday Technician Program, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area

Veterinary Technician.....\$125.00 _____

Student Technician.....\$0.00 _____

Other Staff.....\$125.00 _____

Saturday Only Technician Program:

Includes 7.5 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area

Veterinary Technician.....\$75.00 _____

Student Technician.....\$0.00 _____

Other Staff.....\$75.00 _____

Sunday Only Technician Program:

Includes 4 possible CE Hours and Continental Breakfast

Veterinary Technician.....\$50.00 _____

Student Technician.....\$0.00 _____

Other Staff.....\$50.00 _____

Additional Social Tickets (Please write additional badge names on another sheet of paper.)

Christian Breakfast.....No. _____ @ \$25.00 _____

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